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E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: ION MICLEA

REF: SADLIK/FERNANDEZ TELCON, OCTOBER 16

1. AS NOTED IN REF TELCON, OUR OVERRIDING INTEREST IS INCONTINUING WITH MICLEA'S PROGRAM SINCE IT CONSTITUTES A MAJOR INVESTMENT OF OUR RESOURCES AND IS A PROJECT WE EXPECT TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT HERE. WE REGRET SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN MICLEA AND ESCORT, AND ARE LEFT ONLY TO SPECULATE AS TO THEIR CAUSE. WE, LIKE AGENCY, CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ASSIGNMENT OF VOA ROMANIAN SERVICE STAFFER WOULD BE IDEAL AND HOPE THAT ONE CAN BE FOUND TO REPLACE FIRST ESCORT. IF THIS CANNOT BE ARRANGED, WE WOULD URGE AGENCY TO CONTACT ADRIENNE BARNES AS TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT, AND THEN CONTACT ONE OF EXPERIENCED D.C. PROGRAMMING AGENCIES TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE WITH FRENCH LANGUAGE ABILITY CAN BE ENGAGED. NICOLAI CHIACU - FSI ROMANIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR - MIGHT ALSO BE CONTACTED TO SEE IF HE KNOWS OF ANYONE WHO COULD SERVE AS ESCORT.

2. CONCERNING MICLEA'S PER DIEM, WE INFORMED HIM THAT IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER LODGING AND FOOD, AND THAT IT WOULD VARY FROM CITY TO CITY. WE ALSO TOLD HIM
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THAT THE ESCORT WOULD ISSUE HIM HIS PER DIEM (SEE

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BUCHAREST 4867). HE UNDERSTOOD THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND VOICED NO OBJECTION TO THEM HERE. HIS ACCUSATION OF FRAUD ON THE PART OF THE ESCORT IS PUZZLING AND DISTURBING.

3. NOW THAT SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED, WE URGE AGENCY TO BRIEF ESCROT AND MICLEA AS TO EXACT METHOD AND AMOUNT OF PAYMENT. BELOW IS FISCAL DATA REQUESTED IN USIA 25401 IN AMOUNT $10,305.00. FISCAL DATA: 6760100-32RO-602037-C100-21511 AMOUNT; $10,305.00.

4. IF MICLEA'S $1200 EQUIPMENT ORDER CONTAINS ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE FILM WE AGREED TO HERE (SEE BUCHAREST 5028) PLUS THREE CONVERSION FILTERS FOR HIS LENS (SEE BUCHAREST 4722) WE TOLD HIM HE COULD PURCHASE, THEN HE HAS CLEARLY EXCEEDED HIS AGREEMENT WITH US AND IS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL PURPOSES. AS WE TOLD MICLEA (SEE BUCHAREST 4867), THE PURCHASING OF "ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE MOST MINOR AND UNFORESEEN" NATURE WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED THROUGH THE ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER. WE DID NOT AND DO NOT AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT PURCHASES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED AND AGREED TO. WE STRONGLY URGE AGENCY CALL MICLEA AND CLARIFY ONCE AGAIN THESE AND ALL CONDITIONS OF HIS PROGRAM TO AVOID ANY FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

5. NEW TRAVEL ORDERS BEING POUCHED. OLD SET OF TAS WERE NOT PASSED TO SADLIK DURING HIS VISIT HERE.

6. TEXT OF TAS FOLLOWS: "YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL FROM BUCHAREST, ROMANIA O/A SEPTEMBER 29, 1975 TO VARIOUS CITIES IN THE U.S. AND TO RETURN TO BUCHAREST O/A DECEMBER 1, 1975. PURPOSE OF TRAVEL: TO PHOTOGRAPH FOR A BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED BY MERIDIANE PUBLISHING HOUSE ON THE OCCASION OF THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL. MODE OF TRAVEL: COMMERCIAL AIR. PER DIEM: AUTHORIZED. PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR GUIDE ACCOMPANYING MR. MICLEA WHILE IN THE U.S. ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED. THE ESCORT IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE FILM FOR MR. MICLEA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USE, AND THREE CONVERSION FILTERS FOR HIS LENS. USE OF TAXICABS AND RENTAL OF CAR, WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED."

7. WE MUCH APPRECIATE AGENCY EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.
BARNES

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